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DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER SYSTEM**

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 2, 2004**

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated August 2, 2004, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and reexamination of this application are requested respectfully in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.